

I urge the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) not to weaken the rules that help preserve competition and diversity among the owners of American media.

The FCC is currently reviewing its rules for media ownership. The FCC appears likely to seriously relax the rules. If that happens, one company may be allowed to own the local newspaper, several TV and radio stations, and the cable TV system in the same community. There would be fewer owners of networks, stations, and newspapers nationwide.

Media ownership would be concentrated among fewer companies, and the public's ability to have open, informed discussion with a wide variety of viewpoints would be compromised. Plus, it would likely result in higher costs for businesses that advertise in local media, and those costs would likely be passed onto consumers.

Americans understand that the public interest is not being served by deregulation that reduces competition.

I urge the FCC to re-instate its traditional media ownership rules for the sake of competition and democracy. Thank you.